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As the week begins prices were mostly lower except New York, prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices took a turn and prices were higher in most areas. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance and held with confidence. Breaking stock and check and undergrades prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good with closely balanced to adequate offerings. Floor stocks were mostly adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Light type hen offerings were adequate for the light demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-5 cents, mostly 4-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for medium and large. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand ranged light to very good, usually moderate to good. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to close and were held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings closely balanced to adequate. Floor stocks were in a full range of close to ample, usually adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 38-48 | 39-45 |
| LARGE | 37-47 | 38-41 |
| MEDIUM | 22-32 | 24-27 |
| MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA | | |

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were well balanced to close and were held with confidence. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for usually sufficient offerings. Spent hens were fully sufficient for processing requirements.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 48-63 | 49-52 |
| LARGE | 42-56 | 47-51 |
| MEDIUM | 26-39 | 31-33 |
| NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT | | |

COMBINED REGIONAL

Jan 7, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|-------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 52.50 | 51.00 | 34.00 |
| SOUTHEAST | 51.50 | 49.50 | 33.00 |
| MIDWEST | 46.00 | 43.50 | 25.50 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 54.50 | 51.50 | 34.50 |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 51.26 | 48.97 | 31.85 |

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

| IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| | 01-11-05 | 01-04-05 | 01-13-04 |
| Large | 21-29 | 25-33 | 70-77 |
| Medium | 6-11 | 6-11 | 53-57 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JANUARY 10, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | | NO | SO | SO | | 5-Area |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| | | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 9.4 | 13.3 | 8.3 | 12.8 | 9.6 | 53.4 |
| | Change | -0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.8 | -1.4 | -1% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 20.9 | 56.9 | 17.9 | 28.3 | 30.5 | 154.5 |
| | Change | -6.9 | -6.8 | 0.2 | -3.0 | -5.3 | -12% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 44.5 | 134.4 | 66.3 | 98.6 | 73.9 | 417.7 |
| | Change | -7.7 | -21.8 | -3.7 | 1.1 | -36.3 | -14% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 10.6 | 36.4 | 11.4 | 22.5 | 29.7 | 110.6 |
| | Change | -2.6 | -10.8 | 0.6 | 4.5 | -4.8 | -11% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 5.8 | 11.1 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 6.5 | 30.2 |
| | Change | -1.5 | 0.7 | 0.3 | -4.5 | -3.3 | -22% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 6.0 | 42.1 | 7.2 | 16.3 | 5.6 | 77.2 |
| | Change | 0.7 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 5% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 18.5 | 75.3 | 24.6 | 32.8 | 25.1 | 176.3 |
| | Change | 3.9 | 0.4 | -4.8 | 0.1 | -8.2 | -5% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 115.7 | 369.5 | 137.2 | 216.6 | 180.9 | 1019.9 |
| Percent | Change | -11% | -9% | -5% | 0% | -25% | -10% |

TOTAL

| | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 1019.9 | -10% | 173 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 268.6 | 0% | 35 |

Total Shell Egg 1288.5 -8% 208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 08-JAN-04(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| CW | 1,288,751 | 30,741 | 12,491 | 6,750 | 3,395 | 4,561 |
| PW | 1,177,639 | 27,183 | 12,035 | 6,606 | 3,155 | 4,256 |
| LY | 1,166,377 | 28,442 | 10,665 | 6,011 | 2,826 | 4,157 |
| % CHG PWK | 9 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| % CHG LY | 10 | 8 | 17 | 12 | 20 | 10 |
| 2005 | 1,288,751 | 30,741 | 12,491 | 6,750 | 3,395 | 4,561 |
| 2004 | 1,166,377 | 28,442 | 10,665 | 6,011 | 2,826 | 4,157 |
| % CHGE YTD | 10 | 8 | 17 | 12 | 20 | 10 |

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

| | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) | 42.32 | 42.53 | 42.25 |
| (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED) | 38.78 | 38.91 | 38.68 |

BROILER HATCHERY

| STATE | Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States | | Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States | |
|------------------|---|--------|--|--------|
| | JAN 01 | JAN 08 | JAN 01 | JAN 08 |
| | Thousand | | | |
| AL | 29,541 | 29,683 | 21,191 | 21,737 |
| AR | 31,240 | 31,479 | *24,256 | 24,706 |
| DE | 3,800 | 3,916 | *6,306 | 5,743 |
| FL | 1,330 | 1,324 | 1,532 | 1,505 |
| GA | *33,823 | 33,667 | *26,900 | 27,351 |
| KY | *7,524 | 7,096 | *5,837 | 5,923 |
| LA | 4,013 | 3,997 | 3,801 | 4,110 |
| MD | *8,712 | 8,745 | *4,669 | 5,411 |
| MS | *19,056 | 19,527 | *16,923 | 17,535 |
| NC | 17,893 | 17,933 | 14,129 | 14,502 |
| OK | 6,474 | 6,460 | 5,719 | 4,772 |
| PA | *4,040 | 4,036 | *3,040 | 2,903 |
| SC | 4,761 | 4,875 | *3,882 | 4,496 |
| TX | 14,871 | 14,949 | 12,517 | 12,135 |
| VA | 6,240 | 6,300 | 5,248 | 4,718 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *16,897 | 17,384 | *16,527 | 15,959 |

19 State Total *210,215 211,371 *172,477 173,506

Previous Year Total 205,672 206,529 168,268 166,769

Pct. of Prev. Year 102 102 103 104

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 19-Feb-05 is estimated at 159.2 million head. This compares to 158.5 million head the previous week and to 157.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.51 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/06/05-01/12/05

CURRENT LDS 118.50 FUTURE LDS 53.75 TOTAL LDS 172.25

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | 26.00 | — | 26.75 | 28.00 | 32.33 | 32.00 | 11.00 |
| GNR BR 1 | — | 57.50 | — | — | 50.00 | — | 3.00 |
| GL W J | — | — | 50.83 | 52.33 | 52.00 | 49.00 | 6.00 |
| GL W XL | 41.08 | 42.35 | 39.58 | 40.56 | 38.94 | 37.84 | 58.25 |
| GL W LG | — | 43.37 | 37.00 | 37.75 | 35.76 | 35.71 | 57.25 |
| GL W MD | — | 28.00 | 22.90 | 22.43 | 22.46 | 22.00 | 19.50 |
| GL W SM | — | — | — | — | 19.94 | 21.00 | 6.00 |
| GL BR LG | — | 58.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| NRBS - 50 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2.00 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | 23.00 | — | 25.50 | 21.88 | 24.44 | 46.00 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | 23.00 | 24.00 | — | — | 4.00 |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | — | 18.00 | — | — | 2.00 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 08-JAN-2005

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | | PW | PCT CHG | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------|----|---------|-----|
| | | | | PW | LY |
| Atlanta | 27.0 | 27.0 | | 0 | 1 |
| Boston | 3.0 | 3.4 | | -12 | -12 |
| Chicago | 76.5 | 72.2 | | 6 | 1 |
| Detroit | 25.5 | 28.2 | | -10 | -31 |
| Kansas City | 8.6 | 3.1 | | 177 | -15 |
| Los Angeles | 109.7 | 93.7 | | 17 | 13 |
| New Orleans | 7.7 | 7.2 | | 7 | -9 |
| New York | 29.8 | 28.8 | | 3 | 2 |
| St. Louis | 16.8 | 21.4 | | -21 | -16 |
| San Francisco | 24.3 | 23.1 | | 5 | -4 |
| Total | 328.9 | 308.1 | | 7 | -1 |
| 4 Week Moving Avg. | 315.8 | | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 08-JAN-05

| | YOUNG HENS | YOUNG TOMS | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD | TOTAL TURKEYS |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------|------------------|
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | |
| Head | 1,621 | 2,547 | 33 | 13 | 4,214 |
| Avg Wt | 16.58 | 39.89 | 25.14 | 33.05 | 30.79 |
| Last week | 1,157 | 1,878 | 22 | 11 | 3,068 |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,659 | 2,403 | 67 | 5 | 4,134 |
| Avg Wt | 16.10 | 38.03 | 24.97 | 34.38 | 29.01 |
| To-date/2005 | 1,621 | 2,547 | 33 | 13 | 4,214 |
| To-date/2004 | 1,659 | 2,403 | 67 | 5 | 4,134 |

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 08-JAN-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

| —YOUNG TURKEYS— | | | OLD | | TOTAL TURKEYS | |
|-----------------|----------|---------|-----------|------|---------------|-------|
| THOUSAND | PCT CHG | AVG | BANDED | HEAD | LIVE | WT |
| HEAD | PW | LIVE WT | -THOUSAND | HEAD | LIVE | WT |
| North East | 816 | 41 | 22.94 | (A) | 819 | 22.94 |
| South Atlantic | 570 | 43 | 40.72 | (A) | 573 | 40.72 |
| North Central | 1,977 | 35 | 34.44 | (A) | 1,980 | 34.44 |
| South Central | 559 | 49 | 21.60 | (A) | 561 | 21.60 |
| West | 279 | 16 | 25.95 | (A) | 281 | 25.95 |
| U.S. total | 4,201(B) | 37 | 30.79 | 13 | 4,214 | 30.79 |
| To-date | | | | | | |
| 2005 | 4,201(B) | | | 13 | 4,214 | |
| To-date | | | | | | |
| 2004 | 4,129(B) | | | 5 | 4,134 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 33,000; for the current year to date 33,000; for last year to date 67,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

| W/E 08-Jan-05 | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| Head | 160,263 | 1,471 | 1,483 | 2,954 | 550 |
| Avg Wt | 5.35 | 3.37 | 8.12 | 5.75 | 6.90 |
| Last week | 137,675 | 1,345 | 1,287 | 2,632 | 451 |
| Same wk yr ago | 158,835 | 1,258 | 1,312 | 2,570 | 457 |
| Avg Wt | 5.17 | 3.43 | 8.08 | 5.80 | 6.84 |
| To-date/2005 | 160,263 | 1,471 | 1,483 | 2,954 | 550 |
| To-date/2004 | 158,835 | 1,258 | 1,312 | 2,570 | 457 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.2 million head, or 7.3 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-05

| | CURRENT WEEK 01/15/05(1) | PREVIOUS WEEK 01/08/05 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| -----THOUSAND HEAD----- | | |
| CLASS | | |
| Broiler/fryer | 164,797 (2) | 164,938 |
| Light hens | 1,635 | 1,521 |
| Heavy hens | 1,224 | 1,474 |
| Total | 167,656 | 167,933 |

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Jan-05 is 158.8 million head compared to 159.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.1 million head or 6.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 22-Jan-05 the estimated available is 161.5 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

| WEEK ENDING | | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|----|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|
| December | 4 | 164.6 | 155.3 | 106% | 5.41 |
| | 11 | 161.8 | 155.8 | 104% | 5.21 |
| | 18 | 161.2 | 154.3 | 104% | 5.22 |
| | 25 | 126.6 | 152.1 | 83% | 5.27 |
| January | 1 | 139.3 | 152.6 | 91% | 5.33 |
| | 8 | 162.2 | 154.9 | 105% | 5.35 |
| Year to date | | 162.2 | 154.9 | 105% | |
| January | 15 | | 158.8 | | |
| | 22 | | 161.5 | | |

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 10-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

| | U.S. GRADE A | | COMPOSITE | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG | LDS |
| Chicago | 63.00-66.00 | 66.95 | 41 : | 67.84 | 77 |
| Los Angeles | 79.00 | 77.85 | 60 : | 74.31 | 136 |
| New York | 69.00-72.00 | 71.08 | 25 : | 70.93 | 62 |

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

| | 10-JAN-2005 | 03-JAN-2005 | 03-JAN-2005 | 12-JAN-2004 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Change from | | | | |
| | 72.01 | 2.03 | 69.98 | 67.70 |

NUMBER OF LOADS 578

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

| CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ | OFFERS | SALES | WTD AVG | LBS (000) |
|----------------------|--------|-------|------------|--------------|
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 66-68 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 66 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 68 | - | - | - |

16-24 LB TOMS

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---|---|---|
| EASTERN REGION | 63-64 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 62-63 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 63-65 | - | - | - |

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | | Frozen Eggs/LBS | Turkeys/LBS | Processed other Poultry/LBS |
|---------|----------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| AM | 01/10/05 | 3,510 | 59,401 | 50,634 |
| AM | 01/01/05 | 3,427 | 59,916 | 54,376 |
| CHG | | 83 | -515 | -3742 |
| PCT CHG | | 2% | -1% | -7% |

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 10-JAN-05

| REGIONS | RANGE | MAJORITY | AVG |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|-------|
| Southeast (1) | 8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB. | 11-13 | 11.69 |
| Southeast (2) | TFEWR | | |
| South Central(1) | 7.5-15 CENTS/LB. | 10-11 | 10.97 |

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

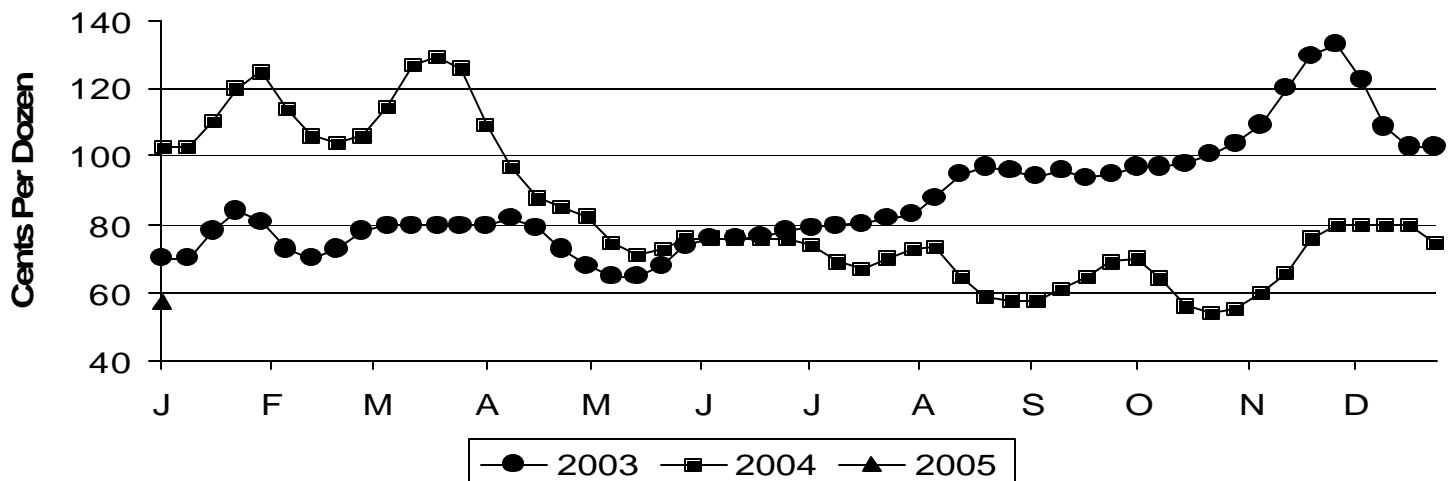
| REGIONS | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| 07-Jan-05 | | |
| Eastern | 4-9 | 6-8.5 |
| South Central | Too Few To Report | |
| North Central | 0-5 | 4-5 |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

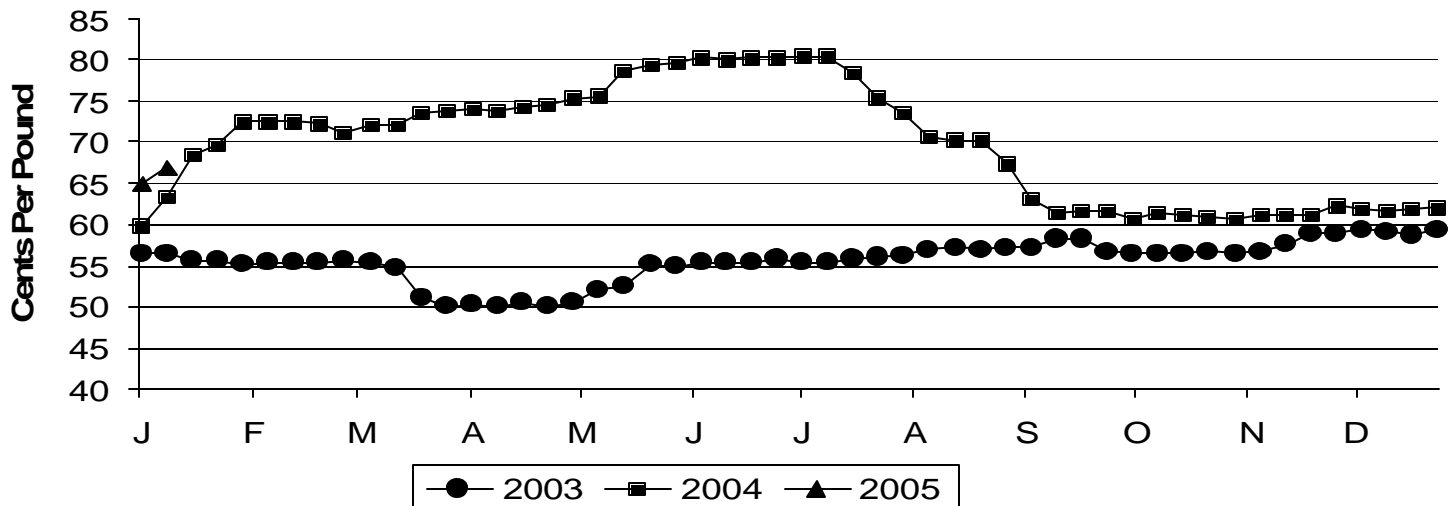
| W/E 08-Jan-05 | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| REGIONS | | |
| North Atlantic | 239.7 | 0 10 |
| East North Central | 521.5 | -18 -5 |
| West North Central | 269.1 | -16 -7 |
| South Atlantic | 220.5 | -4 5 |
| South Central | 67.3 | -9 -4 |
| West | 204.5 | 8 11 |
| Total | 1522.6 | -10 0 |
| Matched Plants reporting | | Previous week 86 |
| | | Last year 85 |

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

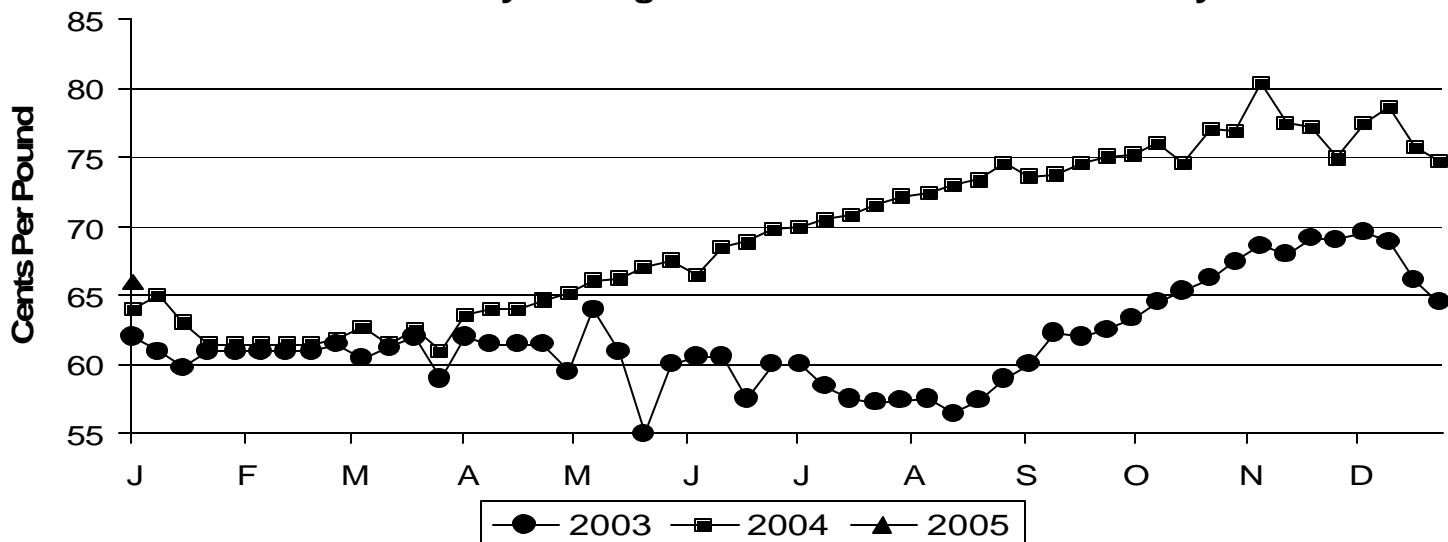
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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